

Medicaid in Maryland

You or members of your family may qualify for Medicaid through Maryland Health Connection and receive free or low-cost health care. Enrollment in Medicaid and the Maryland Children’s Health Program (MCHP) is open year-round.

Medicaid expanded in Maryland, so you may qualify for Medicaid now, even if you didn’t in the past. Your children or other members of your household may qualify even if you don’t.

Do I qualify for Medicaid?

Look up your income and household size to see if you may qualify. Income limits are higher for children and pregnant women.

If your household size is this:	You may be eligible for Medicaid if your income* is less than:	You may be eligible for reduced premiums and/or lower insurance costs if your income is less than:	
		For Plans in 2014	For Plans in 2015
1	\$16,105	\$45,960	\$46,680
2	\$21,707	\$62,040	\$62,920
3	\$27,310	\$78,120	\$79,160
4	\$32,913	\$94,200	\$95,400
5	\$38,516	\$110,280	\$111,640
6	\$44,119	\$126,360	\$127,880
7	\$49,721	\$142,400	\$144,120
8	\$55,324	\$158,520	\$160,360

Source: Maryland State Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene, Medicaid Planning Administration

Note: Different income standards apply to individuals seeking coverage on the basis of being aged, blind, disabled, or medically needy, and those applying for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program (QMB) or the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary Program (SLMB). These individuals cannot apply for Medicaid using Maryland Health Connection. Please contact a local health department or department of social services for more information and to apply.

Besides income and household size, there are other eligibility requirements. When you fill out an application with Maryland Health Connection, you’ll learn if you or your children qualify for free or low-cost coverage through Medicaid, MCHP, or MCHP Premium.

How do I apply for Medicaid?

- ✕ Online at MarylandHealthConnection.gov
- ✕ Your local Department of Social Services or Health Department office
- ✕ By phone at **1-855-642-8572** (TTY: **1-855-642-8573**)
- ✕ In-person through our statewide network of consumer assistance organizations

When can I enroll?

You can apply for Medicaid at any time. Enrollment is open year-round.

When does my coverage begin?



If you are eligible for Medicaid, MCHP, or MCHP Premium, coverage begins on the first day of the month that you applied. For example, if you apply for benefits on Dec. 18 and are found eligible, your coverage will be considered effective as of Dec. 1.

If I already have Medicaid, what should I do?

If you or your children are currently enrolled in Medicaid, you do not need to do anything. You will be contacted when it is time to renew your coverage.

After you apply and are found eligible

You will receive a red and white card in the mail within 14 days. **Do not throw away this card.**

Once your application is complete and verified, you will receive an enrollment packet in the mail. To choose an MCO, you will:

Learn about the different MCOs and the services they offer

- AMERIGROUP Community Care
- Jai Medical Systems
- Kaiser Permanente
- Priority Partners
- Maryland Physicians Care
- MedStar Family Choice
- Riverside Health of Maryland
- UnitedHealthcare

Find out from your doctors which managed care organization (MCO) plans they accept. You can also use the online provider search at providersearch.crisphealth.org/ to find out which MCOs a doctor accepts.

Pick an MCO to provide your care.

Note: If you do not pick an MCO, the State will pick one for you.

See what benefits are covered

Your MCO covers these services and more:

- ✕ Visits to the doctor, including regular check-ups
- ✕ Pregnancy care
- ✕ Family planning and birth control
- ✕ Immunizations (shots)
- ✕ Prescription medicines
- ✕ Transportation to medical appointments

Maryland Children’s Health Program (MCHP) covers full health benefits for children up to age 19. Benefits for children include these and more:

- ✕ Doctor visits (well and sick care)
- ✕ Hospital care
- ✕ Lab work and tests
- ✕ Dental care and vision care

When you make a doctor’s appointment, let them know you are enrolled in Medicaid or MCHP, or give them the name of your MCO.

Is dental coverage included?

Dental care is free for children younger than 21 and pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid. More info is available at dentaquest.com/state-plans/regions/maryland/

For adults 21 and older, limited dental coverage is offered at the discretion of each Managed Care Organization (MCO). You can also buy a standalone dental plan directly from a participating insurance company.

If I am eligible for Medicaid, can I choose to enroll in a qualified health plan (QHP) instead?



You can choose to buy a qualified health plan at full cost (either through Maryland Health Connection or from a participating insurance company). However, individuals who are eligible for Medicaid are not eligible for a premium tax credit or cost-sharing reduction.